

REPORT

FROM

STANDING COMMITTEE B

ON THE

CRIMINAL INJURIES (IRELAND) BILL

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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STANDING COMMITTEE B.

[Tuesday, 24th February, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee: That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—

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Lieutenant-Colonel Allen.
 Captain Bagley.
 Sir Arthur Shirley Benn.
 Major Birchall.
 Sir James Bruton.
 Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan.
 Lieutenant-Colonel Buckley.
 Mr. Carr.
 Mr. William Carter.
 Mr. Neville Chamberlain.
 Mr. Bartley Dennis.
 Mr. Charles Edwards.
 Major Entwistle.
 Sir Arthur Fell.
 Mr. Gange.
 Mr. Gardiner.
 Mr. Gilbert.
 Mr. Duncan Graham.
 Mr. Albert Green.
 Mr. Joseph Green.
 Major Oscar Guest.
 Sir Robert Harcourt.
 Mr. Holmes.
 Mr. Hudson.
 Lieutenant-Colonel James.

Mr. Lunn.
 Mr. MacVough.
 Sir Philip Magnus.
 Mr. Mallison.
 Mr. Mason.
 Lieutenant-Colonel Mayew-Thompson.
 Mr. Oman.
 Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
 Mr. Relf.
 Mr. Raper.
 Mr. Benwick.
 Mr. Sisson.
 Mr. Walter Smith.
 Mr. Stewart.
 Mr. Straus.
 Mr. Trevelyan Thomson.
 Captain Thorpe.
 Mr. Tillet.
 Mr. Wallace.
 Sir Constantine Warner.
 Mr. Waterson.
 Colonel Wedgwood.
 Mr. John Williams.
 Sir Richard Winfrey.
 Major Mackenzie Wood.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee: That they had agreed to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House:—

"That, after a Bill has been under consideration in Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill shall be entertained by the Committee of Selection."

[Tuesday, 24th February, 1920]:—Mr. John William Wilson reported from the Chairman's Panel: That they had agreed to the following Resolution:—

"That any Member of the Chairman's Panel may be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairman's Panel to take his place temporarily in case of necessity."

[Wednesday, 25th February, 1920]:—Standing Committees.—Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them.—(Mr. John William Wilson).

[Thursday, 26th February, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Gilbert; and had appointed in substitution: Sir John Bethell.

[Friday, 27th February, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Captain Thorpe; and had appointed in substitution: Sir John Rutherford.

[Tuesday, 2nd March, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Major Entwistle.

[Thursday, 4th March, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Sir Arthur Shirley Benn and Mr. Holmes; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Ashley and Sir Thomas Brampton; and that they had added to the Committee: Mr. Hayward.

[Tuesday, 9th March, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Sir Robert Harmsworth and Mr. Hudson; and had appointed in substitution: Commander Bellairs and Mr. Haslam.

[Friday, 12th March, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Colonel Wedgwood; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Spencer.

[Tuesday, 16th March, 1920].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Stewart; and had appointed in substitution, Colonel Hilder.

[Wednesday, 24th March, 1920].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Commander Bellairs and Mr. Lunn; and had appointed in substitution: Major Howard and Mr. Royce.

[Tuesday, 13th April, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Major Howard and Mr. Royce; and had appointed in substitution: Commander Bellairs and Mr. Lunn.

[Tuesday, 20th April, 1920].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Sir John Rutherford.

[Tuesday, 27th April, 1920].—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Dr. Addison, Mr. Baldwin, Sir Eric Geddes, and Mr. Neal.

[Monday, 10th May, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Sir Alfred Mond.

[Monday, 7th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Commander Bellairs; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Newman.

[Wednesday, 9th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Lieutenant-Colonel Allen, Lieutenant-Colonel Meysey-Thompson, and Mr. Raper; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. George Jones, Lieutenant-Colonel Pinkham, and Mr. Daniel Wilson.

Sir Samuel Roberts further reported from the Committee; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B: Mr. Attorney-General.

[Thursday, 10th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee B: The Lord Advocate and Mr. Charles Murray.

[Wednesday, 16th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: The Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney-General, and Mr. Charles Murray.

[Thursday, 17th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. George Jones, Mr. Godfrey Lecker-Lampson, Colonel Pinkham, Lieutenant-Colonel Newman, and Mr. Daniel Wilson; and had appointed in substitution: Lieutenant-Colonel Allen, Commander Bellairs, Lieutenant-Colonel Buckley, Mr. Jedrell, and Mr. Raper.

[Tuesday, 22nd June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Lieutenant-Colonel Buckley.

[Wednesday, 23rd June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Haslam, Major Henderson, and Mr. Ormsby-Gore; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Herbert Lewis, and Mr. Young.

[Thursday, 24th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Waterson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. William Graham.

[Tuesday, 29th June, 1920].—Selection (Standing Committee).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B: Mr. Baldwin.

[Friday, 2nd July, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Lieutenant-Colonel Hilder and Sir Richard Winfrey; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Maurice Dockrell and Mr. Lonsdale.

[Tuesday, 6th July, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Baldwin.

[Thursday, 8th July, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Sir Maurice Dockrell.

[Wednesday, 21st July, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Lieutenant Commander Hilton Young; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Harlan, Lieutenant-Colonel Hilder, and Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

[Monday, 26th July, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Gardner; and had appointed in substitution: Major Godfrey Palmer.

[Friday, 30th July, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B: Captain Bowyer.

[Tuesday, 26th October, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Major Oscar Guest and Mr. John Williams; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Robinson Graham and Lieutenant-Colonel Parry.

[Friday, 5th November, 1920]:—Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill.—Order for Second Reading read:

‘Motion made, and Question proposed, “That the Bill be now read a second time.”—

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word “now,” and at the end of the Question to add the words “upon this day three months.”—(Mr. MacVeagh:—

Question put, “That the word ‘now’ stand part of the Question.”—The House divided; Ayes 149, Noes 28.

Bill read a second time.

Motion made, and Question put, “That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.”—(Mr. Hogg:—The House divided: Ayes 24, Noes 148.

Bill committed to a Standing Committee.

[Monday, 8th November, 1920]:—

DISTRIBUTION BY MR. SPEAKER, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER No. 47,
OF BILLS COMMITTED TO A STANDING COMMITTEE.

Name of Bill.	Standing Committee.
Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill	B.

[Tuesday, 9th November, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added the following Ten Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. William Coots, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Nokes, Mr. Myers, Mr. Newbould, Major O'Neill, Captain Tabor-Rees, Mr. Stith, and Mr. Solicitor-General for Ireland.

[Wednesday, 10th November, 1920]:—Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel).—Mr. John William Wilson reported from the Chairmen's Panel: That they had appointed Sir William Watson Rutherford to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill).

[Thursday, 11th November, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Captain Craig reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill): Mr. William Coots; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lynn.

[Monday, 22nd November, 1920]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir Samuel Roberts reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Bill): Mr. Lynn; and had appointed in substitution: Captain Dixon.

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STANDING COMMITTEE B, to whom the CRIMINAL INJURIES (IRELAND) Bill was referred;—Have gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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STANDING COMMITTEE B.

Tuesday, 23rd November, 1920.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir WATSON RUTHERFORD in the Chair.

Lieut.-Colonel Allen
Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
Captain Bagley
Commander Bellairs
Captain Bowyer
Sir James Bruton
Lieut.-Colonel Buchanan
Mr. William Carter
Captain Dixon
Mr. Frederick Green

Mr. Jodrell
Mr. Johnstone
Mr. Lonsdale
Sir Philip Magnus
Mr. Moles
Major O'Neill
Mr. Raffan
Mr. Seddon
Mr. Spencer
Major Mackenzie Wood

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Clause 1, *agreed to*.

Clause 2.

Amendment made, in page 2, line 12, after the word "recovered," by inserting the words "or of any other person entitled to receive the amount recovered"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 3, *agreed to*.

Clause 4.

Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 36, to leave out from the second word "the" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "decision of the county court judge"—(*Mr. Moles*).—instead thereof.—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 38, after the word "council," to insert the words "where the compensation is awarded in respect of a murder and from the date of a decision of the county court judge in other cases"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment made to the proposed Amendment, in line 1, by inserting after the word "murder," the words "or maiming"—(*Major Mackenzie Wood*).—Question, "That the proposed words, as amended, be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 5.

Amendment made, in page 4, line 1, after the word "1900," by inserting the words "or any other enactment"—(*Mr. Moles*).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 3, at the end, to insert the words "and the amount thereof shall not be reckoned for the purposes of any enactment imposing a limitation upon the amount of the rate that may be raised"—(*Mr. Moles*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment made, in page 4, line 5, by leaving out the words "from any bank"—(*Lieut.-Colonel Allen*).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "and money so borrowed shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the county council for the purposes of any enactment imposing a limit upon the amount borrowed by the council"—(*Mr. Moles*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 6.

Amendment made, in page 4, line 16, by leaving out the word "In"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).

Another Amendment made, in page 4, line 18, by leaving out from the word "recognisances" to the end of the sub-section, and by inserting the words "shall cease to have effect"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*),—instead thereof.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7.

Amendment made, in page 5, line 19, at the end, by inserting the words "and shall have effect and be deemed always to have had effect as if the words 'or assembly' were added at the end thereof"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9, agreed to.

New Clause ("Appointment of a person to act temporarily as additional judge of a county court")—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland*),—brought up, and read the first time as follows:—

"If the Lord Chancellor is satisfied, on the representation of the judge of any county court, that the judge is unable, owing to the number of applications for compensation for criminal injuries which are pending in his court, to transact the business of the court with proper dispatch, the Lord Chancellor may appoint the judge of the county court of any other county or county borough or a practising barrister of not less than ten years' standing to act as additional judge of the county court for such time as the Lord Chancellor may direct, and subject to any conditions which he may impose.

Any additional judge so appointed shall have all the powers, jurisdiction and privileges and may perform any of the duties of the judge of the first-mentioned county court, whether under the enactments relative to compensation for criminal injuries or otherwise."

Question, "That the New Clause be read a second time,"—put, and agreed to.

Amendment made, in line 1, by inserting after the word "satisfied" the word "that"—(*Mr. Moles*).

Another Amendment made, in line 1, by leaving out the words "on the representation of"—(*Mr. Moles*).

Another Amendment made, in line 2, by leaving out the words "that the judge"—(*Mr. Moles*).—Question, "That the Clause, as amended, be added to the Bill,"—put, and agreed to.

Ordered: To Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.